

# TOP 10 REASONS

## to JOIN WISCONSIN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

### 1 A voice at the table

There's power in numbers. Joining our association gives your voice more authority over the decisions that affect your classroom and career. Whether you advocate for changes in your school, speak at school board meetings, advocate for increased school funding at the state and local level, or lobby your state legislators and city/county board members, your local will support you and your students.

### 2 Increased pay and benefits

As part of our local association, you can unite for professional pay, health care, and retirement security so a career in education is a viable profession.

### 3 Improved professional practice

Our local association helps you advocate for access to high-quality professional development and increased collaboration time so you can improve your practice.

Our association (and that means you and your co-workers!) can work with the school district to develop mentoring and other support from more experienced colleagues.

### 4 Nationwide community of educators

When you are a member of our local association, you are also a member of your region, state and national affiliate. Our association is your way to connect with like-minded colleagues across the district, state and nation who are working to better students' lives.

### 5 Improved working and student learning conditions at your worksite

Local associations empower educators to advocate for smaller class size, less standardized testing, input into curriculum, and safe buildings, just to name a few. These working conditions mean a better learning environment for students.

### 6 Positive change in your workplace

Our association can work with the administration as a partner and collaborate with the PTA and other community organizations to resolve issues in your school. As an educator who knows the students best, you can work with the administration to solve problems together.

### 7 United for advocacy

Get guidance, advice, and, if necessary, legal representation. We support candidates who care about students and have achieved fair pay scales to encourage educators to stay in the profession for the long haul. We have successfully maintained staff involvement in decision-making and volunteer in our communities to improve lives.

### 8 Commitment to social justice

As a member of our association, you join forces with fellow educators to make a difference in the social justice issues that matter most to you and affect your students' lives. The association works to achieve opportunity for all students in schools and can provide training to members to develop new strategies.

### 9 Liability insurance

The liability potential can be serious for individuals employed by schools and other educational units (and your employer doesn't always have your back), NEA provides all eligible association members with professional liability insurance through the **NEA Educators Employment Liability (EEL) Program**.

### 10 WEA Member Benefits and WEAC Savers' Club

Improve your buying power and save money with **WEA Member Benefits**, **WEAC Savers' Club** and additional national savings, offering you extensive benefits and discounts for products and services.



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